

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 11, 2007, claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-12, and 14-20 were amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

With regard to claims 1-7, 9-11, 15-18, and 20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Norcott et al.* (US Patent No.: 6,775,518 hereinafter *Norcott*), the claims have been amended to better distinguish the patentable subject matter from the references cited by the Examiner. Beginning with claims 1, 15, and 20, *Norcott* does not teach, suggest, or disclose a controller configured to control a plurality of decoders utilizing infrared signals. The *Fish et al.* (US Publication No:20050078934 hereinafter *Fish*) reference does not teach that the controller uses infrared signals to control a plurality of decoders. A VCR controlled by infrared signals is not a decoder for receiving said first data stream from said source and converting it into a first analog signal. (*Fish* [0005])

Further, *Norcott* does not teach, suggest, or disclose that the first analog signal is streamed from the first decoder through a cable network operated independently from a data network of the facility. The *Norcott* reference does not teach that the analog signal is sent through a cable network operated independently from a data network. A general reference to other communications channel capable of carry signals (*Norcott*, Col. 4, lines 30-38) does not teach the language as claimed by Applicants.

The dependent claims have been similarly amended to distinguish the patentable subject matter from the cited prior art. In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Date: March 11, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



BRIAN D. OWENS

Reg. No. 55,517

Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal

1717 Main Street, Suite 3400

Dallas, Texas 75201

Phone: (214) 259-0900

Fax: (214) 259-0910